

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1-26 stand rejected. Claim 27 is added. Support for the addition may be found in the originally filed specification at paragraph 40. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harvey et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,519,568) in view of Fan et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,219,706). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Harvey et al. is generally directed toward electronic data delivery. In particular, the Examiner relies on Harvey et al. to teach establishing a proxy session between a server and FTP client, and mapping messages between the FTP session and the proxy session. Yet, the Examiner admits that Harvey et al. do not teach establishing an FTP session with a remote server over a dual communications link. Accordingly, it is impossible for Harvey et al. to teach, suggest, or motivate establishing two sessions, including an FTP session and a proxy session, and mapping messages between the sessions.

Fan et al. is generally directed toward access control for networks. In particular, the Examiner relies on Fan et al. to teach establishing an FTP session with a remote server over a dual communications link. However, Fan et al. do not teach, suggest, or motivate establishing two sessions, including an FTP session and a proxy session, and mapping messages between the sessions.

Applicant's claimed invention is generally directed toward a method for transferring files between a residential electronics device and a remote server. In particular, Applicant's claimed invention is directed toward establishing two sessions, including an FTP session and a proxy session, and mapping messages between the sessions. For example, independent claim 1 recites, "establishing a proxy session with a file transfer protocol (FTP) client of the electronics device over a single connection communications link; establishing a FTP session with the remote server over a dual connection communications link; and mapping messages between the FTP session and the proxy session such that the messages are transferred between the electronics device and the remote server." Independent claims 13 and 20 recite similar subject matter. Therefore, Harvey et al. and Fan et al. do not teach all of the elements of the independent claims. These differences are significant.

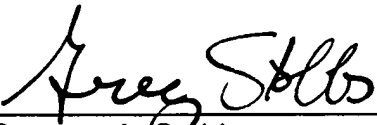
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the independent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), along with rejection on these grounds of all claims dependent therefrom.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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